

SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

SDM Welcomes the Class of 2020 for a Special Commencement Celebration



Commencement 2020, Alumni Arena, UB's North Campus

The University at Buffalo's School of Dental Medicine was just one of the university's graduate schools that participated in a rescheduled in-person Commencement Celebration for the Class of 2020.

Commencement events are usually held in May, unfortunately, COVID-19 forced UB to postpone in-person commencement exercises for the Class of 2020.

"While the COVID-19 pandemic required us to hold our 2020 commencement exercises in a virtual format, we are thrilled to now have this opportunity to safely honor our 2020 graduates in a manner befitting their accomplishments — at UB, in their regalia, walking the stage and sharing in this happy occasion with family, friends and classmates," says President Satish K. Tripathi.

Nearly 700 graduates participated in a ceremony that was held inside the Alumni Arena on the North Campus on Friday, October 1, 2021. The ceremony was livestreamed.

SDM faculty and staff welcomed back 40 dental graduates at a reception following the ceremony at the Jazzboline Restaurant & Bar located in Amherst, N.Y.



Dr. Thikriat Al-Jewair, Program Director, Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics, enjoys the reception following Commencement 2020 with Dr. Ryan Koch, '20 and family. Dr. Koch is currently a resident in Orthodontics Program.

Dr. John H. Campbell Receives 2021 William J. Gies Award in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



Dr. John H. Campbell, Associate Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Recently, SDM's John H. (Jack) Campbell, DDS, MS, FACS received the 2021 William J. Gies Award. Dr. Campbell was presented the award at the 103rd American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons annual meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Campbell has served on faculty at several top research universities. As associate professor and former residency program director at the University at Buffalo, he has executed a didactic broad-scope curriculum and shifted the program for more robust scholarly activities. He has implemented journal clubs, a morbidity

and mortality conference and multidisciplinary head and neck tumor boards. He also has guided residents to pursue postgraduate fellowship, mentored students in research and founded a predoctoral minors program engaging students to pursue an OMS career.

Dr. Campbell has served as a CODA site visitor, participated in more than 15 funded research projects and twice received the OMS Foundation's Research Support Grant. An author of over 60 publications, he has been an ad hoc journal reviewer and JOMS Dentoalveolar Surgery Section editor.

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